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The Congress of the United States was created by Article 1, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution, which provides that "All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives."

The Senate has 100 members, two from each state, who are elected for six-year terms. There are three classes of senators, and a new class is elected every two years.

The House of Representatives has 435 members. The number representing each state is determined by population, and every state is entitled to at least one representative. Members are elected for two-year terms, all terms running for the same period.

Senators and representatives must be residents of the state from which they are chosen. In addition, a senator must be at least 30 years old and must have been a U.S. citizen for at least nine years. A representative must be at least 25 years old and must have been a citizen for at least seven years.

Nebraska's Congressional Delegates

Nebraska has two senators and three representatives based on recent U.S. Census figures. In the past, the number of Nebraska representatives has been as few as one and as many as six. From 1867 to 1883, the state had one representative. The state had three from 1883 to 1893, six until 1933, five until 1943, four until 1963, and three since 1963.²

The map on Page 87 shows current congressional districts. These district boundaries are redrawn, based on population, after each U.S. census.

Nebraska senators and representatives maintain offices and residences in Nebraska, as well as in Washington, D.C.³

Source: The United States Government Manual 2011-12.

²See historical rosters of Nebraska's senators and representatives on Pages 92-95.

³ Addresses and phone numbers for Nebraska members of Congress are listed with their biographies on Pages 88-91.

Nebraska Congressional Districts*



*Boundaries established by LB704 in the 2011 legislative session.

Nebraska U.S. Senators, 2013



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Elected to U.S. Senate: 2008 Political Party: Republican

Committees: Agriculture; Banking; Environment and Public Works; Indian Affairs; Veterans' Affairs

Biography: Born June 18, 1950 in Osage, IA. Graduate of St. Mary's University, Winona, MN (B.A.), 1971; Creighton University (J.D.), 1974. Married Stephanie Johanns, Dec. 24, 1986; two children: Michaela and Justin. Former: U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, 2005-07; Nebraska governor, 1999-2005;

Lincoln mayor, 1991-99; attorney, Nelson, Johanns, Morris, Holdeman and Titus, 1976-91; attorney, Cronin and Hannon, 1975-76.

Nebraska U.S. Senators, 2013 (Cont'd.)

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Elected to U.S. Senate: 2012 Political Party: Republican

Committees: Armed Services; Commerce, Science and Transportation; Environment and Public Works; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; Indian Affairs

Biography: Born Debra Strobel, March 1, 1951, in Lincoln. Graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (B.S. in education), 1988. Married Bruce Fischer, Feb. 5, 1972; three children: Adam Carl, Morgan Thomas and Luke Christopher; one grandchild. Rancher, Sunny Slope Ranch. **Member:**



Executive committee, National Conference of State Legislators; co-chairperson, energy committee, Midwestern Legislative Conference (MLC); executive committee, MLC; AgBuilders of Nebraska; Sandhills Cattle Association; Nebraska Cattlemen; Nebraska Cattlewomen; National Cattlemen's Beef Association; Society for Range Management; Sandhills Area Foundation; Nebraska Farm Bureau; UNL Chancellor's Club; life member, UNL Alumni Association; American Legion Auxiliary; PEO; Gamma Phi Beta; life member, Nebraska LEAD Alumni Association. Former member: Valentine Rural High School Board of Education; commissioner, Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Post-Secondary Education; Valentine Rural High School Foundation (president); University of Nebraska President's Advisory Council; UNL Chancellor's Committee of Visitors; Nebraska Association of School Boards (president, board of directors); Nebraska School Finance Review Committee (two terms); Nebraska Agricultural Leadership Council (board of directors); Governor's Ag Advisory Council; Cherry County Visitor Promotion Committee; Cub Scouts and 4-H club leader. Honors and awards: BILLD Fellow, Midwest Council of State Governments Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership, 2005; NRD Farm and Ranch Conservation Award, 1999; Nebraska Association of School Boards Lifetime Achievement Award, 1999; Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association Outstanding Board Member Award, 1998-99; Nebraska Cattlemen Environmental Stewardship Award, 1995; Rangeman's Award, Nebraska Section Society for Range Management, 1994; NRD State Grasslands Conservation Award, 1993; Holism Action Award, Nebraska Branch Holistic Resource Management, 1991; Kellogg Fellow, National Center for Food and Policy Research, Resources for the Future, Washington, D.C., 1991; LEAD VIII Fellow, Nebraska Leadership Program, 1988-90.

Nebraska U.S. Representatives, 2013



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Elected to U.S. House of Representatives: 2004, reelected 2006, 2008, 2010 and 2012

Political Party: Republican

Committees: Agriculture, Foreign Affairs

Biography: Born December 27, 1960, in Baton Rouge, La. Graduate of Louisiana State University (B.A. in economics), 1982; Georgetown University (M.A. in public policy), 1986; Franciscan University of Steubenville (M.A. in theology),

1995. Married Celeste Gregory; five children. Former: publishing executive, TruckPaper.com, Sandhills Publishing, 1998-2004; director for public relations and foundation activities, Sandhills Publishing, 1995-1998; research associate/economic analyst; community development director; legislative aide. Member: Lincoln Rotary Club; Lincoln Independent Business Association; Nebraska National Guard Civilian Leadership Council; St. Joseph Catholic Church. Former member: councilman, Lincoln City Council, 1997-2001; Hometown Security Committee for City of Lincoln, 2003; Public Policy and Economic Analysis Team; U.S. Subcommittee for Intergovernmental Relations, 1986; representative, International 4-H Youth Exchange.

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Elected to U.S. House of Representatives: 1998; reelected 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010 and 2012

Political Party: Republican

Committees: Energy and Commerce

Biography: Born Jan. 29, 1962, in Omaha. Graduate of Omaha Northwest High School, 1980; University of Nebraska-Lincoln (B.A.), 1984; Creighton University (J.D.), 1987. Married Robyn Hauck, Feb. 14, 1992; three children: Nolan, Ryan and Jack. Attorney. Member: American Diabetes Association; Millard Jaycees; Suburban Rotary Club; Nebraska Bar Association. Former member: Omaha City Council member,

6th District, 1991-99 (president, 1995-97; vice president, 1993-95). **Honors and awards:** Outstanding Young Omahan; Outstanding Young Nebraskan, 1998.

Nebraska U.S. Representatives, 2013 (Cont'd.)

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Elected to U.S. House of Representatives: 2006, reelected 2008, 2010 and 2012

Political Party: Republican

Committees: House Committee on Ways and Means Biography: Born Dec. 19, 1970, in Scottsbluff. Graduate of Gering High School, 1989; University of Nebraska-Lincoln (B.S. in marketing education), 1993. Single. Real estate agent



and marketing specialist, Buyers Realty. Former: educator and staff development project manager for Educational Service Unit No. 13, 1994-97; research assistant, University of Nebraska Foundation, 1992-93; staff intern, Nebraska governor's office, 1992; legislative page, Nebraska Legislature, 1992; family school supply business 1982-94; State Senator, Nebraska Legislature, 1992-2006. Member: Scotts Bluff County Board of Realtors; Vision 2020 (Land Use Task Force chairman, 1998); Riverside Zoological Society; North Platte Valley Historical Society; Wyo-Braska Museum of Natural History; Calvary Memorial Evangelical Free Church; Farm and Ranch Museum Association; Sons of the American Legion, Post 36. Former member: American Council of Young Political Leaders delegate to Tanzania, 2004; delegate, Republican National Convention (rules committee, 2000; platform committee, 2004); chairman, Four State Legislative Committee; American Council of Young Political Leaders delegate to India, 2000; alternate delegate, Republican National Convention, 1996; Western Nebraska Regional Airport Operations Board, 1997-98; board of directors, Twin Cities Development, 1995-98; Gering City Council, 1994-98; Scotts Bluff County Visitors Advisory Committee, 1995-96.

Nebraska Territorial Delegates to Congress, 1855-1867*

Napoleon B. Giddings (D) ^{1,2} 1855	Experience Estabrook (D) ⁵ 1859-1860
Bird B. Chapman (D) ³ 1855-1857	Samuel G. Daily (R) ^{5,6} 1860-1865
Fenner Ferguson (D) ⁴ 1857-1859	Phineas W. Hitchcock (R) ⁷ 1865-1867

Sources for all historical rosters of Nebraska's members of Congress are the Biographical Dictionary of the American Congress 1774-1996 and Pages 97-100 of the Nebraska Blue Book 1996-97.

Nebraska U.S. Senators, 1867-2013

John M. Thayer (R) ^{1,2}	Richard C. Hunter (D) ⁹ 1934-1935 Edward R. Burke (D) 1935-1941 Hugh A. Butler (R) ¹³ 1941-1954 Kenneth S. Wherry (R) ¹⁰ 1943-1951 Frederick A. Seaton (R) ¹¹ 1952-1953 Dwight P. Griswold (R) ¹² 1953-1954 Eva K. Bowring (R) ¹⁴ 1954 Sam W. Reynolds (R) ¹⁵ 1954 Hazel H. Abel (R) ¹⁶ 1954 Roman L. Hruska (R) ^{17,19} 1954-1976 Carl T. Curtis (R) ¹⁸ 1955-1979 Edward Zorinsky (D) ²⁰ 1976-1987
. ,	Carl T. Curtis (R) ¹⁸ 1955-1979
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Joseph H. Millard (R)	David Karnes (R) ²¹
Norris Brown (R)	E. Benjamin Nelson (D)
William H. Thompson (D) ⁸ 1933-1934	

¹ Political affiliation: R=Republican, P=Populist, D=Democrat, IR=Independent Republican.

¹ Political affiliation: D=Democrat, R=Republican.

²Took his seat Jan. 5, 1855.

³ Election unsuccessfully contested by Hiram P. Bennet.

⁴ Election unsuccessfully contested by Chapman.

⁵ Estabrook served until May 18, 1860, and then was removed from office. Daily, who successfully contested Estabrook's election, took the seat that day.

⁶ Daily's election to 37th Congress (1861-63) unsuccessfully contested by J. Sterling Morton. Morton was elected Oct. 9, 1860. Six months later Gov. Samuel Black, without any recanvass, issued a certificate of election to Daily, who had contested Morton's right to a seat in Congress. The contest was never decided, but Daily held the seat under the second certificate.

⁷ Served until March 1, 1867, when Nebraska became a state.

² Thayer and Tipton took their seats March 4, 1867. Thayer's term expired March 3, 1871, and Tipton's first term expired March 3, 1869, as determined by lot.

³ Elected March 8, 1899, and died Dec. 5, 1899. Never officially seated.

⁴ Appointed to fill vacancy caused by Hayward's death. Took his seat Dec. 19, 1899.

⁵ Elected to fill vacancy caused by Hayward's death in preceding Congress. Took his seat Dec. 2, 1901.

⁶ Nominated by petition as an Independent in 1936 and won the election.

⁷ Died March 11, 1933.

⁸ Appointed to fill vacancy caused by Howell's death. Took his seat May 26, 1933.

⁹ Elected to fill vacancy caused by Howell's death. Served from Nov. 7, 1934, to Jan. 3, 1935.

¹⁰ Died Nov. 29, 1951.

¹¹ Appointed to fill vacancy caused by Wherry's death. Took his seat Jan. 8, 1952.

¹² Elected to fill vacancy caused by Wherry's death. Took his seat Jan. 3, 1953. Died April 12, 1954.

¹³ Died July 1, 1954.

¹⁴ Appointed to fill vacancy caused by Griswold's death. Took her seat April 26, 1954.

Nebraska U.S. Senators, 1867-2013 (Cont'd.)

- ¹⁵ Appointed to fill vacancy caused by Butler's death. Took his seat July 7, 1954.
- ¹⁶ Elected to fill vacancy caused by Griswold's death. Took her seat Nov. 8, 1954. Resigned Dec. 31, 1954.
- ¹⁷ Elected to fill vacancy caused by Butler's death. Took his seat Nov. 8, 1954.
- ¹⁸ Appointed Jan. 1, 1955, to fill vacancy caused by Abel's resignation.
- 19 Resigned Dec. 27, 1976.
- ²⁰ Appointed Dec. 28, 1976, to fill vacancy caused by Hruska's resignation. Died March 6, 1987.
- ²¹ Appointed to fill vacancy caused by Zorinsky's death. Took his seat March 13, 1987.

Nebraska U.S. Representatives, 1867-2013

At Large

Turner M. Marquett (R)1,21867	Frank Welch (R) ³ 1877-1878
John Taffe (R)1867-1873	Thomas J. Majors (R) ⁴ 1878-1879
Lorenzo Crounse (R)1873-1877	Edward K. Valentine (R)1879-1883

¹ Political affiliation: R=Republican.

District 1

Archibald J. Weaver (R)11883-1887	George H. Heinke (R) ⁶ 1939-1940
John A. McShane (D)1887-1889	John Hyde Sweet (R) ⁷ 1940-1941
William J. Connell (R)1889-1891	Oren S. Copeland (R)1941-1943
William Jennings Bryan (D)1891-1895	Carl T. Curtis (R) ⁸ 1943-1954
Jesse B. Strode (R)1895-1899	Phillip H. Weaver (R)1955-1963
Elmer J. Burkett (R) ² 1899-1905	Ralph F. Beermann (R)1963-1965
Ernest M. Pollard (R) ³ 1905-1909	Clair A. Callan (D)1965-1967
John A. Maguire (D)1909-1915	Robert V. Denney (R)1967-1971
C. Frank Reavis (R) ⁴ 1915-1922	Charles Thone (R)1971-1979
Roy H. Thorpe (R) ⁵ 1922-1923	Douglas K. Bereuter (R)91979-2004
John H. Morehead (D)1923-1935	Jeff Fortenberry (R)2005-
Henry C. Luckey (D)1935-1939	

¹ Political affiliation: R=Republican, D=Democrat.

²Took his seat March 2, 1867. Served only two days.

³ Died Sept. 4, 1878.

⁴ Elected to fill vacancy caused by Welch's death. Took his seat Dec. 2, 1878. Presented credentials as a contingent, or additional, representative in the 47th Congress (1881-83) but was not permitted to take a seat.

²Resigned March 4, 1905, before commencement of 59th Congress (1905-07), to which he had been re-elected, because he had been elected to the U.S. Senate.

³ Elected to fill vacancy caused by Burkett's resignation. Took his seat Dec. 4, 1905.

⁴ Resigned June 3, 1922.

⁵ Elected to fill vacancy caused by Reavis' resignation. Took his seat Nov. 27, 1922.

⁶ Died Jan. 2, 1940.

⁷ Elected to fill vacancy caused by Heinke's death. Took his seat April 17, 1940.

⁸ Resigned Dec. 31, 1954, because he had been appointed to the U.S. Senate. Vacancy throughout remainder of the 83rd Congress (1953-55).

⁹ Resigned Aug. 31, 2004, to become president of the Asia Foundation.

Nebraska U.S. Representatives, 1867-2013 (Cont'd.)

District 2

James Laird (R) ^{1,2} 1883-1889	Howard H. Buffett (R)1943-1949
Gilbert L. Laws (R) ³ 1889-1891	1951-1953
William A. McKeighan (P)1891-1893	Eugene D. O'Sullivan (D)1949-1951
David H. Mercer (R)1893-1903	Roman L. Hruska (R) ⁴ 1953-1954
Gilbert M. Hitchcock (D)1903-1905	Jackson B. Chase (R)1955-1957
1907-1911	Glenn C. Cunningham (R)1957-1971
John L. Kennedy (R)1905-1907	John Y. McCollister (R)1971-1977
Charles O. Lobeck (D)1911-1919	John J. Cavanaugh III (D)1977-1981
Albert W. Jefferis (R)1919-1923	Hal Daub (R)1981-1989
Willis G. Sears (R)1923-1931	Peter J. Hoagland (D)1989-1995
H. Malcolm Baldrige (R)1931-1933	Jon Christensen (R)1995-1999
Edward R. Burke (D)1933-1935	Lee Terry (R)1999-
Charles F. McLaughlin (D)1935-1943	

Political affiliation: R=Republican, P=Populist, D=Democrat.

District 3

Edward K. Valentine (R)¹ 1883-1885 George W. E. Dorsey (R) 1885-1891 Omer M. Kem (P) 1891-1893 George D. Meiklejohn (R) 1893-1897 Samuel Maxwell (P) 1897-1899 John S. Robinson (D) 1899-1903 John J. McCarthy (R) 1903-1907 John F. Boyd (R) 1907-1909 James P. Latta (D)² 1909-1911	
	William E. Barrett (R)

Political affiliation: R=Republican, P=Populist, D=Democrat.

²Died Aug. 17, 1889.

³ Elected to fill vacancy caused by Laird's death. Took his seat Dec. 2, 1889.

⁴ Resigned Nov. 8, 1954, because he had been elected to the U.S. Senate. Vacancy throughout remainder of the 83rd Congress (1953-55).

²Died Sept. 11, 1911.

³ Elected to fill vacancy caused by Latta's death. Took his seat Dec. 4, 1911.

⁴ Died Oct. 2, 1951.

⁵ Elected to fill vacancy caused by Stefan's death. Took his seat Jan. 8, 1952.

⁶ Resigned Dec. 31, 1974.

⁷ Election in 1974 unsuccessfully contested by Wayne Ziebarth.

Nebraska U.S. Representatives, 1867-2013 (Cont'd.)

District 4

Eugene J. Hainer (R)1	1893-1897	Ashton C. Shallenberger (D)	1933-1935
William L. Stark (P)	1897-1903	Charles G. Binderup (D)	1935-1939
Edmund H. Hinshaw (R)	1903-1911	Carl T. Curtis (R)	1939-1943
Charles H. Sloan (R)	1911-1919	Arthur L. Miller (R)	1943-1959
	1929-1931	Donald F. McGinley (D)	1959-1961
Melvin O. McLaughlin (R)	1919-1927	David T. Martin (R)	1961-1963
John N. Norton (D)	1927-1929		
	1931-1933		

¹ Political affiliation: R=Republican, P=Populist, D=Democrat.

District 5

Political affiliation: P=Populist, R=Republican, D=Democrat.

District 6

Omer M. Kem (P)1	1893-1897	Moses P. Kinkaid (R)4	1903-1922
William L. Greene (P)2	1897-1899	Augustin R. Humphrey (R)5	1922-1923
William Neville (P)3	1899-1903	Robert G. Simmons (R)	1923-1933

Political affiliation: P=Populist, R=Republican.

²Died March 11, 1899.

³ Elected to fill vacancy caused by Greene's death. Took his seat Dec. 4, 1899.

⁴ Died July 6, 1922.

⁵ Elected to fill vacancy caused by Kinkaid's death. Took his seat Nov. 20, 1922.

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University Library, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Reinert/Alumni Memorial Library, Creighton University Klutznick Law Library, Creighton University

Calvin T. Ryan Library, University of Nebraska at Kearney

Luther Library, Midland Lutheran College

Conn Library, Wayne State College

Perkins Library, Doane College

Scottsbluff Public Library